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SUBJECT: COURT HEARING ON KNOX COLLEGE BUS ACCIDENT APRIL
6, 1973

REF: STATE 62334

EMBASSY HAS THUS FAR RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM SENATORS
WEIKER, PERCY, TOWER, RIBIVOFF AND HARFIELD, AND
REPRESENTATIVES RHODES, STRATTON AND ARCHER REGARDING
KNOX COLLEGE BUS ACCIDENT AND HAS SENT EACH A REPLY CONCERNING
STATUS OF THE CASE IN LETTERS DATED MARCH 12, 1976.

COPIES OF LETTERS ALSO SENT SCS

FOR SCS INFORMATION, CONGEN SEVILLE REPORTED AFTER
CONVERSATION COURT AUTHORITIES AND ATTORNEY PEREZ Y PEREZ
THAT CASE FILED IN ALMERIA COURT JANUARY 27, 1976.

APPARENTLY AFTER NUMBER OF DELAYS IN OBTAINING REQUIRED
DOCUMENTATION. IN EFFECT, BRIEF WAS FILED ON THAT DATE
BY PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY PEREZ Y PEREZ, REQUESTED TRIAL
DATE BE SET FOR CLAIMS MADE BY INJURED PARTIES AND
FAMILIES AGAINST DRIVER OF TRUCK WHICH STRUCK KNOX
COLLEGE BUS. COURT ACCEPTED CASE AS SUBMITTED BY
ATTORNEY AND DOSSIER THEN TURNED OVER TO ATTORNEY FOR
OWNER OF TRUCK FOR REVIEW. THIS WAS ON FEBRUARY 20, 1976
UNDER LEGAL PROCEDURES IN SPAIN FOR SUCH CASES COURT
AUTHORIZED 15-20 DAYS FOR REVIEW OF CASE BY DEFENSE
ATTORNEY AFTER WHICH IT TURNED OVER TO COURT AND A
TRIAL DATE SET, USUALLY WITHIN 2-3 MONTHS. WE ESTIMATE

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TRIAL DATE FOR CASE SHOULD BE SCHEDULED SOMETIME

BEFORE JULY OF THIS YEAR. WE WILL CONTINUE MONITOR
CASE AND REPORT PROGRESS PROMPTLY TO SPECIAL INTERESTS
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